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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: "ATTACHMENT METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR LOAD/UNLOAD RAMP  
OF A DYNAMIC LOAD DISK DRIVE"

) Group Art Unit: 2653

) Examiner: D. OMETZ

) FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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10 Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application in the manner set forth herein and in  
accordance with the amendment of 37 C.F.R. §1.121 that went into effect on July 30, 2003.

Although Applicant believes that no fees due in relation to the filing of this First Preliminary

15 Amendment, please charge any associated fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.